

Most BCL workers unhappy over delay in forming full-fledged central body

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A majority of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists are dissatisfied and expressed strong resentment as their leaders failed to form a full-fledged central unit of BCL committee eight months after a 51-member committee was formed.

Moreover, frustration gripped both the 'young' and 'dedicated' BCL activists because of the prolonged delay in announcing the full-fledged committee.

Insiders said that the dedicated activists have lost confidence in the top BCL leaders for their dilly-dally attitude over the formation of the committee. Many of them have lost their interest in student politics and are hardly attending their party activities on the Dhaka University campus.

Sources also said that the activists have been demoralised as they did not get any place in the 51-member central unit of BCL committee for which they were waiting for years.

A 51-member new central committee was announced on October 22 last year after a gap of four years with Bahadur Bepari and Ajay Kar Khokan as its president and general secretary respectively.

The president and general secretary of the committee who are responsible for announcing the full-fledged committee, failed to do it despite their repeated assurance, many BCL activists said.

"It's very disappointing that a full-fledged central committee was not announced in the last eight months," regretted one activist who was very desperate to see himself in the committee.

He said that forming a full-fledged committee is not difficult task. "As head of the organisation, the willingness of the president and general secretary of the central committee is enough for it," the deprived worker said.

"I don't see any reasons to attend the party activities anymore as all my hope have been shattered," said another disgruntled worker.

Some of the workers also said that they requested the president and the general secretary several times but they turned a deaf ear to the plea.

After waiting for eight months, many BCL activists now believe that the full-fledged committee will never be formed.

In the last few months, the Dhaka University campus has seen several untoward incidents like stabbing and attack on workers over the formation of the committee. A group of deprived activists also staged demonstration demanding formation of full-fledged central committee.

On the other hand, many BCL men made the allegation of violating party constitution in forming the new BCL central committee as non-student and aged activists were accommodated in the committee.